

I live in a rural area (I don't know for how much longer it will be rural, though), Millington, Maryland. The local radio station, WCTR (Chestertown, MD), does a very good job covering local topics of interest. They not only give us news of events occurring in the area, they also speak daily with local politicians and other persons of interest. I know that from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM, I will hear these interviews. They may have them on at other times during the day, but every weekday, I know I can tune in and hear these interviews, without fail. As for our local TV station (WBOC), there is only one. And it covers Delaware and MD's eastern shore. Unfortunately, because it's located in the Salisbury area (at least it's main office), that's the majority of the news. It's not common for them to cover events in the upper eastern shore. They tend to stop their coverage at the Annapolis area. When it comes to weather reporting, though, they do an excellent job of cover the whole viewer area, all the way up to Wilmington, DE. WBOC is a CBS affiliate station and, therefore, I rarely watch it. My husband and I regularly watch the news at 6:00 PM and we've noticed that the news reports are pro-development, because the station owner is a developer. If the station owner slants the news to pro-development, it leaves us wondering in what other way does he slant what the station reports? I expect this type of action to occur in large coverage area stations, but a local area station should be more aware of its obligation to its viewers, because without us, that station wouldn't be alive. We could easily switch to watching Baltimore stations and they would watch their ratings drop until they couldn't afford to stay in business. There's more obligation to its viewers with local stations than non-local stations. WBOC, as a CBS affiliate, also airs programs I find extremely offensive. I am not interested in all these reality shows and especially do not enjoy seeing the ads for them. They are trash meant to feed people's ridiculous ideas of what love is when they have no concept of what love is. Besides, don't we have enough reality living our own lives? I could care less about other's romantic problems, relationship problems, etc. These aren't reality, they are trumped up for TV and called reality. All sports need to get control of the sexual ads they air. These Everlast commercials that have been running (specifically the one with the woman moaning and the man ending up snoring) are extremely offensive. Wrestling is a huge offender. I mean, what is it with this world that believes it has a right to impose trash into homes. I can't understand how those with children handles these ads and game time shenanigans. If I had kids, I'd cut TV out for my kids because I'd have to spend every single day taping a program and editing out the offensive parts. Who has that time?! I can be alone and still be embarrassed by an ad. It's unbelievable to me that Sex in the City is being rerun on regular TV. I never watched the show when it was on HBO (a pay channel), and I'm certainly not going to watch it now. The ads tell me enough about the show to know it's not appropriate. Any station owned by FOX is offensive. This station is the worst offender of inappropriate programming on regular TV. I hate that they have a contract with the NFL to air games, because I know I'll have to watch more offensive ads than I do on the other stations the NFL contracts with. I think FOX should be shut down until they can be more responsible. It's late and I've ranted enough. Have a good weekend and thank you for

giving me the opportunity to give you my opinion on local stations
(to which I did not limit myself to....<grin>).
Regards.